

Brother E. B. Shaver reports six accessions by baptism during the month of June, and two applicants for baptism. Church work he says is in a healthy condition. That is as it should be. There is no need of a sickly church when the Great Physician is so near.

The brethren will please notice that Brother Grogg and family are in search of a home where they can have church and educational advantages. Many inducements have of late been held out to home seekers, but in this case we think our brother's needs can be met at Ashland, Ohio.

Brother Samuel Fitz, Astoria, Ill., writes, "We like the *QUARTERLY* and think it is just what we need." Many others are of the same opinion, and it affords us pleasure to know that the Sunday school literature prepared for Brethren schools is meeting with such favor.

Pastors should give careful heed to the call by Brother Gillin in reference to church statistics. Pastors should do all in their power to aid our statistician in his work. We need more accurate statistics than we have thus far had, and there is but one way to get them, and that is with the pastor's co-operation. Pastors have been made to feel, more than ever, the need of keeping a more accurate record of their work.

Brother Gillin is keeping a record of the accessions reported in the *EVANGELIST* each quarter. He is a careful reader of the paper, as every member of the church should be. It would seem that during the first quarter of the year there were more than twice as many added to the church as during the second quarter just closed. The winter season seems to be more favorable for the ingathering of souls than the summer season. Let us remember the exhortation of the apostle Paul, "In season and out of season."

Brother Rench writes that recently two have been added to the church at Milford, Ind., and five dismissed, and asks, "How do you like that for growth?" It is all right, Brother Rench. When you see a man cut off dead branches from his vine, or limbs from the trees in his orchard, what does it mean? You say the man wants to raise a crop of grapes and of apples. In the case of Gideon's army it was real growth and real strength to cut down from some thirty thousand to three hundred. A little moral surgery may be as needful to the church sometimes as it is to an individual, and you remember Christ said, "If thy hand offend thee" etc. Better sacrifice a few persons than have the influence of the whole church destroyed.

Brother J. W. Beer, in his article, "Brethren At Work," gives some very valuable suggestions, and presents a method of church work which if followed would result in the accomplishment of much good. On a small scale that is just exactly what we are now doing. We have more than once announced the plan, and while we have received some

orders, the support has not been what it should be. For instance, under the general title, "The Teachings of Jesus," it is proposed to issue a series of tracts of four pages and over. Already three numbers have been issued and the copy for the fourth one is in hand. The numbers already printed in Vol. 1, are: No. 1, Feetwashing, price 30 cents per 100; No. 2, Conclusion of the Whole Matter, by J. O. Talley, a twelve page tract in story form, price 60 per 100; No. 3, The Law of Baptism, price \$1.25 per 100. For other tracts see page 14, under "Publishers' Department."

"Iowa Notes," by Brother Gillin is an example of what we should have from every state where there is an organization of the Brethren church. At present Brother Shively furnishes the news from California; brother A. J. Hixson writes for the Kanemorado district; Brother Gillin for Iowa; we need similar correspondents in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. These are not to take the place of the local correspondents, but report the work in general and make helpful observations. Let us have such a report once a month from each state. For the work in Indiana we suggest Brother Rench, chairman of the State Mission Board; for Ohio, brother J. L. Kimmel, chairman of the State Mission Board; for Pennsylvania, brother J. F. Koontz, as we do not know who the chairman of the mission board is; for Maryland and Virginia, let Brother Shaver take the matter in hand. Now brethren beside your regular reports, let us have a special report covering as much as possible the work of the state with such suggestions as your observations would naturally lead you to make. Brother W. H. Miller is in a position to furnish such a report of the work in the state of Michigan.

Brief Notes

It has been shown by investigation that during "hard times" there is more crime than during prosperity. One authority declares that as many people take to drink because of poverty as take to poverty because of drink. There is cause for reflection in the statement. If we would bring in the blessed era we must remove the causes of present evils. The Bible has always taught care for the poor. It becomes more and more apparent that this is the policy of wisdom as well as the policy of love.

The mayor of Chicago says that because the state's attorney does not do his duty toward suppressing gambling he is going to allow betting at the races in Washington park in that city. This is the old baby-excuse of so many people who are determined to sin and must justify themselves in some way. It is a shame that such men are allowed to get into this office where they can betray and disgrace the people but there is a limit to the long-suffering of humanity and by and by we will insist that our officers do right whether others do or not. As Christians are we careful to always set an example of independent faithfulness? Within a month the papers have chronicled two instances of clergymen refusing to perform marriage ceremonies because one or both of the contracting parties were divorced without scriptural cause. Let such items of news be given publicity in order that the action may become contagious. True, in both cases other clergymen were found who readily accepted the "job," but nevertheless let pub-

lic sentiment be heard in the direction of the greater sanctity of the marriage bond. We have divorce cases exploited altogether too much. Let the people read and know the things which make rather for righteousness.

President Hadley of Yale University is taking a decided stand against the fraternities of that institution. Recently an act of the faculty provided that no more members of one of them would be graduated from the school. It is claimed that they are destroying the democratic spirit which once prevailed and is creating a caste spirit which is demoralizing to both the members of the fraternities and to the University. What is true of Yale is true of other schools. The secret orders plead that they foster college spirit and cultivate valuable personal friendships. But the type of college spirit they encourage is the politician type manifested in scheming rivalry, and the fellowship they afford is of the selfish, exclusive kind which is contrary to the spirit of the kingdom of heaven.

The *Chicago Democrat* will place its columns for one day (Wednesday, July 18) in the hands of the Salvation Army in order to learn how to run a Christian daily on a paying basis. The circulation of Salvation Army papers aggregates 1,000,000 copies weekly, hence they claim a practical demonstration of the possibility of pure literature on a paying basis. The Sheldon edition of the *Topeka Capital* did not revolutionize the daily papers of the world. Neither will this. But the Sheldon paper had incalculable influence for good, and this experiment is another straw in the stream showing that it is setting toward better things in the literature which forms a large part of the mental food of our people.

The unalterable law of Christ is that the strong should help the weak. Are we fulfilling this law of Christ?

If you think of your property in any other way but as belonging to God, you have wrong conceptions of the idea of the kingdom of God. What is true of your material possessions is equally true of your health, your strength, and your intellect.

In our prayers and in our hymns and in our lives there is danger of acting the part of Ananias and Sapphira, keeping back what we profess to give to the Lord.

There is no such thing as a "little white lie;" all lies are black, terribly black, black as darkness and midnight judgment. It is an awful thing to lie against your fellowmen and more awful to lie against God.

For a time we may hide our faults and our wrong doings from the eyes of men, but they are ever open to the eyes of him from whom nothing is hid, to whom all the secrets of the heart are open. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Among the most foolish things a man can do is to attempt to check the progress of Christ's kingdom. It goes marching on in spite of all the opposition and the sneering of its enemies.

Resolutions

WHEREAS, God's ways are past finding out and

WHEREAS, In his inscrutable wisdom and ways we know not when nor where nor how we shall meet our end. Therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Walter Miller a member of our Sunday-school, beloved of all his class, of all the school and of all who knew him we recognize the hand of Providence and that while we humbly submit to his will and ways we deeply mourn our loss and accept this event as another lesson that the young as well as the old must die, and also as a warning to "be also ready."

Resolved, That the parents, the brother and friends of Walter have our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That these actions be entered on the minutes of the school, and a copy be sent to the *EVANGELIST* and *Meyersdale Commercial*.

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